

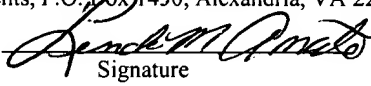


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Examiner's Action that was mailed in the above-captioned case on January 31, 2003, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Enclosed is a petition to extend the period for replying for three months, to and including July 31, 2003. Please charge any fees that may be associated with this matter, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No.03-1721.

This Response is believed to be in compliance with the Revised Amendment Format published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003, and therefore to be exempt from the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d).